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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

BAUMGARTEN et al.

APPLICATION NO: 10/560,322

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FOR: PROTON-SENSING G-PROTEIN COUPLED RECEPTORS AND
DNA SEQUENCES THEREOF**MS: Amendment**Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of September 9, 2008, Applicants elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-4, 7, 8, and 9, drawn to a method to identify an agonist or antagonist of an isolated proton-sensing GPCR polypeptide. Applicants also identify SEQ ID NO:3, in an effort to fully respond to the restriction requirement. This election is made without traverse.

A five month extension of time is filed herewith. Authorization is given therein to charge Deposit Account No. 50-4409 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$ 2,350 for payment of the extension fee.

Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of any non-elected claim groups in one or more divisional applications. An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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